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Dear Sir May.

I must send one line of thanks to you & the many friends who have felt a kind interest in my broken health. Whatever trial I have, it is as light as their best wishes desire it, — so light as to demand from me the deepest gratitude to the Great Disposer of events.

My heart remains as much touched as ever with ~~troubled~~ chilled by paralysis, & is as much touched as ever with interest in your letters, whether to my daughter myself, or Mr Pillsbury. Mr P leaves us to-morrow carrying with him our hopes & affectionate regard: we hope to see him again before he quits our shores, greatly rejoicing, — whether we see him again or not, — that circumstances have afforded us the power of being useful to him since our first personal acquaintance with him. In any case I trust he will be in London during the May meetings. — Mr P must have had an anxious time during & since the London Conference. It was happy for the Cause

on your side the water, that he was here at the Conference: but for his presence & speeches there, G. J. of course could not have been credited by some of us. I do not think G. J. will ever be hostile to his old friends, or the contrary. I think he will prevent others from so doing. Sanctioning the Am. A. S. S. To the cause in England, G. J. cannot with Jos. Sturge & Co will do anything: his advocacy of the Am. A. S. is of ambiguous value: his moral status in England is not such as to enable him to confer much lustre on a high-toned movement as yours is. Perhaps you have not forgotten what I said to you years ago as to G. J. influence on the attempted formation of the A. S. League? he has not been associating in public estimation since then

I have thoroughly examined all the evidence relative to the A. S. Conference, & am satisfied that tho' I may have said a few words in favour of the Am. A. S. before Mr Birkett's resolution was withdrawn, or in reference to it, such a check as he supposes

6 weeks after (when demanded by the "Advertiser" or anything like it) he never made!

Do not be alarmed at my subscribing to the Brandt Society; a principle is not involved in supporting an A.S. Soc. here, as is the case in aiding one in America. I gave my assent when the B & F.A.S.S. was discussing measures in unison with yours, & for the purpose of facilitating any thing useful in helping you. — I am not going to join J. Sturge in establishing the "Empire."

Time & hand would fail me to send kindly greetings to all for whom I desire all good on your side the Atlantic, but I must name Mrs. Garrison Phillips, Quincy Mitchell, Mrs. Mary & dear friend Adeline.

Ever sincerely yours

J. B. Estlin,

We have the Cast Lib.. with Shipway
Barkers & Webbs Letters, Let me
count & flippant remark
caution you never to let B's
guide your opinions as Mr Webbs
unprejudiced & well considered ones
may, I trust. J. B. may be a
valuable Ally in America (though I
think his late Letter will, much please the Haverhill
holders,) here his advocacy will
do nothing but mischief to the
cause. His remarks on the
Statistical are utterly absurd & mis-
leading: Mr S. he is as unsectarian as a
man can be. I think he unwisely
supported Barker at the Manchester
the meeting
Conference when all were against
him — You are all apt to blunder
a good deal as to Public proceedings
here.

MS. B. 11, 6, V. 5, p. 236